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**TWO MANCHESTER MEN INDICTED FOR REENTERING
THE UNITED STATES AFTER BEING DEPORTED**

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – United States Attorney Tom Colantuono reports that a federal Grand Jury has indicted 43-year-old Angel Leonidas Matos and 40-year-old Dennis Joel Martinez-Flores, both of Manchester, for reentering the United States after having been deported. Matos is a citizen of the Dominican Republic and Martinez-Flores is a citizen of Honduras and Mexico.

Matos, who is also known as “Juan M. Cortez,” “Mario Lopez,” “Angel Polanco,” and “Jose Reyes,” was indicted on March 18, 2004. He is charged with being found in Manchester, New Hampshire on March 1, 2004, despite having been twice deported from the United States on or about August 18, 1992, and on or about November 12, 1997.

Martinez-Flores, who is also known as “Geovanni Alvarado Flores” and “Luis Zarate-Moreno,” was indicted on March 24, 2004. He is charged with being found in New London, New Hampshire on March 10, 2004, despite having been deported from the United States on or about February 9, 1996, and again on or about July 19, 1997.

If convicted, both men face a maximum prison term of 20 years and maximum fine of \$250,000.

Matos and Martinez-Flores were arraigned this afternoon at U.S. District Court in Concord. Trial dates were scheduled for May 4, 2004, for Matos and June 2, 2004, for Martinez-Flores. The Court ordered both men detained pending trial.

These cases were investigated by the Department of Homeland Security’s Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement. They are being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Mark S. Zuckerman.

An indictment is only an allegation and not proof of criminal conduct. As in all criminal cases, the defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.